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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Testimony Before the Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East and the Subcommittee on Arms Control, International Security and Science, Committee on Foreign Affairs

1. On 10 November 1987, at 1000 hours, in room 2200 Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East and the Subcommittee on Arms Control, International Security and Science, Committee on Foreign Affairs, received testimony on the Iran/Iraq war and the Persian Gulf issue. A transcript was taken. (U)

2. Present from the Subcommittees were:

Lee H. Hamilton (D., IN)	Benjamin Gilman (R., NY)
Mel Levine (D., CA)	Robert Lagomarsino (R., NY)
Stephen Solarz (D., NY)	Donald Lukens (R., OH)
	Doug Bereuter (R., NE) (U)

3. Present from the Subcommittee staffs were:

Chris Kojm	Katherine Wilkens
Mike Van Dusen	William Fite
Toni Verstandig	Ivo Spalatin
Hillell Weinberg	Rita Janey Wright-Rutan (U)

4. Present from CIA were:

B.E. Layton, Director, Near Eastern and South Asian
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5. Mr. Layton began the testimony by giving a brief statement covering the five areas of concern that Mike Van Dusen, Subcommittee staffer, had given to the Office of Congressional Affairs, in preparation for this testimony. Those five areas of concern were: the Iranian domestic situation; the Iraqi domestic situation; Iranian intentions as best we can describe them; arms supply to the two combatants in the Gulf; and the question of stability in the Gulf states themselves. (Copy of opening talking points attached.) [redacted]

6. After Mr. Layton's opening statement, a round of questioning followed. Some areas of concern covered were: the gradual escalation of activity in Iran and why we think this is happening; interest of bringing the war to a conclusion between Iran/Iraq; the possibility that Iran will launch another offensive this winter; whether Iran is considered stronger or weaker than at this time last year; the reliability of information the Intelligence Community receives; the support the Soviets are giving Iraq in terms of arms sales and the fact that they have undertaken to lease both to Kuwait; the War Powers act; deflagging of the reflagged ships; the motivation of the Chinese selling arms to Iran; and the Silkworm missiles that the Chinese have directly or indirectly sold to Iran. [redacted]

[redacted]

8. There was one other outstanding question from Mr. Lukens. He wanted to know how many countries at last count, including Switzerland and Sweden, have sold arms to Iran? This is being provided by the Office of Global Issues. [redacted]

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